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STATED MEETING, MARCH 1, 1842.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Casts of three species of Ammonites : viz. *A. abyssinus*, *A. Nicolletii*, and *A. Mandanensis*. Presented by S. G. Morton, M. D.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Bulletin de la Societ  Imperiale des Naturalistes du Moscou.
Nos. 6, 7 and 8. 1837. From the Society.

Annales des Mines. Liv. I. II. and III. Tome XIX. In exchange.

Promenade au Mont Dore, &c. Par M. Nere  Boub , Professeur a Paris. From the Author.

Report of the Commissioners for the Exploration and Survey of the Boundary line between Maine and New Hampshire, and the adjoining British Provinces, by Major J. D. Graham, U. S. Topographical Engineer. From Col. J. J. Abert.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.—The chairman presented a communication from J. J. Audubon, Esq. and J. Bachman, D. D., containing descriptions of several new species of N. American quadrupeds of the genera, *Vespertilio*, *Mus*, *Sorex*, *Sciurus* and *Spermophilus*, which was referred to the committee on previous communications of these gentlemen.

A paper from Mr. S. S. Haldeman was read by Mr. Phillips, entitled "A description of a new species of *Cyclops*, and two new species of *Tubifex*:" and also another from the same author, containing additional remarks on changes of nomen-

clature in Natural History ; both of which were referred to the committee on Mr. Haldeman's previous paper read Feb. 1, 1842.

BUSINESS BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

The chairman called the attention of the Society to several papers on scientific subjects, offered at previous meetings, which had not been referred to appropriate committees, and suggested some action thereon.

On motion of Dr. Elwyn, the subject was then brought before the meeting, and the communications alluded to were referred, as follows :

A paper by Walter R. Johnson, "On the relation between the coal of South Wales and some Pennsylvania anthracites," read June 15, 1841 ; and another by the same author, entitled "Description of an Apparatus illustrative of the laws of Chemical combination, and of the combining volumes of gaseous substances," read Nov. 23d, 1841 : referred to Messrs. Draper, Lukens and Phillips.

A description of the nest and eggs of *Fulica Americana*, and *Anas discors*, by Geo. C. Leib, M. D., read Nov. 16th, 1841, Referred to Messrs. Vaux, Burrough and Morton.

Two communications by S. G. Morton, M. D., one containing remarks on the so called Pigmy race of the valley of the Mississippi, read Nov. 16th, 1841, and the other on the ancient Peruvian race : referred to Messrs. McMurtrie, Phillips and Bridges.

The following reports, omitted at the last meeting for business, were then, on leave granted, read and accepted.

The report of the committee on Mr. Haldeman's paper on several new species of *Unio* ; and the report of the committee on Dr. Morton's paper, on some new species of organic remains of the cretaceous group of the United States, &c., both in favour of publication.